(5) Reiteration of instructions to Central and State Government departments to provide priority treatment to the requirements of approved 100 per cent EOUs.

IVibunal to settle excise and customs cases

31. SHR1MATI RATAN KUMARI:

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a high level tribunal to settle expeditiously excise and customs cases which drag on for months and years in the courts; and

(b) if so, what are the details in (his regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SCNGH): (a) A proposal to set up a high powered Customs and Excise Revenue (Appellate) Tribunal under Article 323B of the Constitution, for more expeditious settlement of cases, is under consideration.

(b) Detailed proposals are being worked out in consultation with the Ministry of Law.

Vacant posts of Chairman and Members in the Nationalised Banks

*32. DR. (SHR1MATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the posts of Chairmen and non-official Members are lying vacant in a large number of nationalised banks;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when these vacancies are kely to be filled Up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) to
At present there are no vacancies of Chairmen and Managing Directors the nationalised banks. There are. ho ever, vacancies of non-official directors in the Boards of all the 20 nationalised banks. The process of selecting suitable persons for nomination aga^ these vacancies is under way.

Demand for increasing the price of sugarcane

33. SHRJ V1THALBHAI MOTRAM PATEL: Will the Minister FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that th strong demand from the farn Tease the price of sugarcane:

I what price Government h& fixed for sugarcane in the last two yeav^; and

(c) what were the demands of the farmers to increase sugarcane price and to what extent Government have accepted their demands?

THE MINISTER OF COMMER' AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES RI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The ers have been repress! ting time to lime for higher prices of sugar-cane payable by sugar factories.

(b) For the current sugar sesasson i.e. 1985-86, the statutory minimum price of sugarcane payable by sugar factories has been fixed at Rs. 1

viously Starred Question 13 transferred from the 21st February, 1986.